# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of telephone lines which remained out of order as a result of theft of telephone cables in Madhya Pradesh during the last year and till date;

(b) the period of time for which the telephone lines have been out of order;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the safety of telephone cables; and

(d) the relief provided to the telephone subscribers during the above period?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Total number of telephone lines affected during last year and till date due to theft of telephone cables in Madhya Pradesh is 9606.

(b) The period varied between one to five days.

(c) Following steps are taken for the safety of telephone cables:-

(i) Patrolling of cable routes.

(ii) Proper coordination with Police Authorities.

(iii) Lodging of complaints with local police authorities about cable thefts;

(d) Emergency service telephones have been restored with alternate arrangements.